

## ABSTRACT

According to the invention there is provided a ventilating decorative floor covering (1) for loose laying on the upper surface of a floor, which floor covering has a decorative upper surface (5) and a lower surface (15) on which are formed one or more studs (20) which, in use, provide an air gap between the lower surface (15) of the floor covering and the upper surface of the floor sufficient to ventilate the floor. The floor covering can be applied to concrete floors which have not completely cured or on contaminated sub-floors, thus negating the need for timely and expensive sub-floor preparation.